

**OBSERVATIONS.**

Joined the buy-a-sleigh movement yet?

And it's a long, long way to 8-cent hogs.

Queen this snow won't hurt the wheat.

And it must be hills for South Carolina to lose Gov. Blane!

Maybe you won't make fun of the weather man's guess again.

An egotist is poor material out of which to make a friend.

Some folks who think they are fine talkers can talk only of themselves.

Sioux City, Ia., is pushing public works to give employment to idle men.

Barnard, Mo., may have a "white way." A special election will be held soon.

Any doubt concerning wheat shortage ought to be eliminated by this time.

Egg shipments from Mountain Grove average a value of \$10,000 a week.

The only successful way to be neutral is to keep your nose out of other people's business.

Dry leaders predict that the last saloon in the United States will close its doors in 1929.

The young man who always rides the last car home at night will never own a car of his own.

Under the heading of social news, an Iowa exchange says Fred Schumak will spend a month in jail.

But will this 30-degree drop in temperature cause any reductions in the price of ice next summer?

The "buy-a-bushel-of-wheat" movement seems to have succeeded beyond the wildest expectations of its originators.

During the past 2 years forest fires have killed nearly 8,000 predatory animals, more than 2/3 of which were coyotes.

A German military newspaper announces that a new naval gun of 18 caliber and with a range of 35 miles has been created.

A gas engine is on the job all the time and works as long as you feed it gasoline; but a man is off the job just as soon as you feed him alcohol.

American manufacturers, 214 strong, called for South America last week where they will carry out a campaign to boost "Made in America" goods.

Nevada probably has more cranks in it than any town in the state. This due more to old fashioned telephones than to eccentric citizenship.

Missouri is the banner turkey state. More turkeys are raised in the Ozark mountain region than in any other region of similar size in the United States.

In the matter of charging excessive prices for wheat a large majority of the farmers can prove an alibi. They sold their supply before the price went skyward.

Secretary Daniels has reduced the punishment of captain who ran a battleship aground. Undoubtedly he thinks the officer showed excellent judgment in getting the vessel as far out of the water as possible.

Logansport, Ind., is Utopia for drunken men. Patrol and horses kept in constant readiness to convey men to their houses after they have been taken to a holding especially provided and given coffee and a bed.

"Treating" in saloons of Iowa will be prohibited, and the practice of persons living in "dry" territory carrying home well-filled suitcases will be stopped if the general assembly enacts laws proposed in the senate.

"Watch your backyards" is the warning given to residents of Manhattan, Kan. The college co-eds are on a tour of inspection. We suppose it would be proper to add that some people will refuse to chase the chickens out of the yard.

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up a tree. For half an hour he was "aloft." At last the rest of the searching party came up. One fired a shotgun and frightened the bear away.

"He loved to call her 'kitten' in the good old days. When he was busy courting, and wrote sonnets in her praise. But now the times are changed; he has grown old and fat. He never calls her 'kitten,' but he often calls her 'cat.'

Women attain a greater age than men because they do not use tobacco. This was the contention of Dr. Albert H. Burr in a paper on "Longevity in Its Relation to Sex," read before the Anthropological society in Chicago.

"Damn," that good old and still popular expletive, has been conditionally but officially approved for words use by no less an authority than Charles F. Thwing, doctor of divinity and president of Western Reserve university.

Widowers over 60 years of age, with children and unable to earn a livelihood, will get a pension of \$15 a month for themselves and \$4 for each child, under the terms of a mothers' pension bill unanimously passed by the Arizona legislature.

Before a man is married he will let his girl lay her head on his shoulder and be delighted with it, comments the Arkansas City Traveler. But after they are married, if she dares lay the same hair on his shoulder he wants to fight and tear up the furniture.

Business is good with the St. Joseph army recruiting station. It sent more men to the army last month than Springfield, Joplin, Sedalia, Carthage and Hannibal combined. Men are now awaiting approval to be sent to Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis.

A Kansas merchant says that a farmer raised a few apples and brought them to the grocer for sale. The grocery keeper asked him what he wanted for them, money or trade, and the farmer said, "Give me apples that we can eat in exchange for them."

Recently an editor died at his desk and with a pencil in his hand. Of the comments made about the incident the one that he probably died from a shock resulting from a word of appreciation for his work might have been nearly correct," says the editor of the Wakefield News.

By unanimous vote of the legislature, Idaho is to vote on prohibition next year. Alabama becomes a prohibition state, July 1 next. If the ill-advised liquor interests don't quit printing lies about prohibition in bars and otherwise misrepresenting conditions in this planet, prohibitionism the whole country will be going prohibition in the near future. It has got so that nobody believes anything the liquor interests print. —Tampa Capital.

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And we call upon all men to come forward and smite the enemy of womanhood.

Beauty is in distress—and beauty must be saved.

Long live the shirtwaist! —Tampa Press.

**CALFS MILK AND HONEY**  
**A GOOD COMBINATION**

Milk and honey were considered delicacies in the days of Moses. A similar combination has been urged for Northern Minnesota by Rev. Francis Jager, bee specialist of the Minnesota agricultural college.

Father Jager has a plan for making farms out of northern cut-over lands. The 2 things on which success depends, according to his plan, are cows and bees. He suggests that farmers, seeking to subdue the cut-over lands, plant clover and other forage crops among the stumps, and put a beehive on every stump. Cows and bees alike will thrive on the inter-stump crops. The bees will also gather honey and wax from millions of wild flowers.

From the start, says Father Jager,

the bees will produce and bring a cash return—200 pounds of honey to the hive at 20¢ a pound would mean \$40 to the hive. 10 hives would bring a cash return of \$400, and 50 hives a sum return of \$2,000. With such returns and the profits from a dairy herd, no farmer should fear the northem stump.

**AGED MAN IS SURE****DEATH TO RABBITS**

Stephen Osborn, 78 years old, who lives 4 miles southwest of Galatin, Mo., claims to be champion rabbit hunter—for his age, at least—or northwest Missouri. He has killed 800 rabbits this winter.

Osborn, who is an expert with a shotgun, does his hunting in a buggy drawn by a 21-year-old horse. He is accompanied by 2 dogs. The dogs scare the rabbits from their hiding places then, when the fatal shot is fired, bring the dead animals to the hunter, who does not leave his buggy. Osborn says his best days work was 42 rabbits out of 60 shots.

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**MERCHANTS TO GO TO**

SCHOOL FEB. 1 TO 4

Merchants and business men from 57 Kansas cities and towns, representing 16 different industries—have

enrolled for the merchants course at the University of Kansas. Feb. 1 to 4, 100 merchants have written Director P. H. Hamilton that they will attend the course in advertising, accounting, store management, and salesmanship.

25 merchants will come from Emporia, Kan.

**Brevity.**

Brevity may or may not be the "soul of wit," but there is no question in regard to brevity being the soul of conversation nowadays.

The aim of the up-to-the-second conversationalist is to cut all corners and get there in the shortest possible time. In days of yore a man was polite under circumstances no matter how much time it consumed. Then he would say, "My dear sir, I desire that you understand thoroughly that I comprehend fully and

"comprehend fully" what you say.

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